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To: Subst. House Bill No. **6427**

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***"AN ACT CONCERNING PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE
TEACHER SHORTAGE."***

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (d) of section 10-16p of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

6 (d) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
7 Commissioner of Social Services, shall establish a competitive grant
8 program to provide spaces in accredited or approved school readiness
9 programs for eligible children who reside in an area served by a
10 priority school or a former priority school that has formerly received a
11 grant pursuant to this subsection. A town in which such a school is
12 located or a regional school readiness council, pursuant to subsection

13 (c) of section 10-16r, for a region in which such a school is located may
14 apply for such a grant in an amount not to exceed one hundred
15 thousand dollars per priority school or for a former priority school in
16 an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars in the first
17 year that such school is no longer a priority school, not to exceed
18 eighty thousand dollars in the second year that such school is no
19 longer a priority school, not to exceed sixty thousand dollars in the
20 third year that such school is no longer a priority school, not to exceed
21 forty thousand dollars in the fourth year that such school is no longer a
22 priority school, and not to exceed twenty thousand dollars in the fifth
23 year that such school is no longer a priority school. Eligibility shall be
24 determined for a five-year period based on an applicant's designation
25 as having a priority school for the initial year of application. Grant
26 awards shall be made annually contingent upon available funding and
27 a satisfactory annual evaluation. The chief elected official of such town
28 and the superintendent of schools of the school district or the regional
29 school readiness council shall submit a plan, as described in subsection
30 (c) of this section, for the expenditure of such grant funds to the
31 Department of Education. In awarding grants pursuant to this
32 subsection, the commissioner shall give preference to applications
33 submitted by regional school readiness councils and may, within
34 available appropriations, provide a grant in excess of one hundred
35 thousand dollars to towns with two or more priority schools in such
36 district. A town or regional school readiness council awarded a grant
37 pursuant to this subsection shall use the funds to purchase spaces for
38 such children from providers of accredited or approved school
39 readiness programs."